

**November 6, 2013**

# **Montana Health Care Programs Notice**

## **Physician and Mid-Level Providers**

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**Effective Immediately**

### **Primary Care Enhanced Payment Program Notification**

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (the Department) participates in a program to enhance payments to primary care practitioners. This program is titled Payment for Services Furnished by Certain Primary Care Physicians and Charges for Vaccine Administration under the Vaccine for Children Program and is defined in and required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

This program was implemented in late March 2013 retroactive to January 1, 2013, and is effective for calendar year (CY) 2013 and CY 2014. Additional information concerning this program is located at: <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/providerpages/enhancedpayment.shtml>.

To assist providers in obtaining enhanced reimbursement, the Department developed a self-attestation form that can be completed, signed, and returned to the Department's fiscal agent. In order to qualify, physicians must first self-attest that they practice in a specialty designation of family practice, general internal medicine, or pediatric medicine. Physicians must further attest that they are board certified in an eligible subspecialty within one of the defined specialties, or that 60% of their Medicaid claims for the prior year were for services listed in the Primary Care Enhancement Fee Schedule. Physicians must submit a completed self-attestation form.

A list of physicians and their individual percentage of qualifying claims for CY 2012 is available on the Enhanced Payment page of the Montana Medicaid Provider Information website. Providers who are unsure if they meet the 60% threshold can access the Montana Medicaid website to determine if their billing history qualifies them for enhanced reimbursement. Updated claims utilization information for CY 2013 will be available in early 2014.

The Department's first provider notice concerning this topic was published February 8, 2013. It detailed how providers that qualify because they meet the 60% threshold will have to re-apply for CY 2014. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has provided additional guidance allowing Medicaid programs to not require re-enrollment in this program. Therefore the Department is not requiring a new self-attestation form for CY 2014. All providers who successfully were admitted into this program for CY 2013 will be automatically enrolled for CY 2014. Because of this automatic rollover, those providers who qualified due to a board certificate must maintain that certification through 2014. Those providers who met the 60% threshold are urged to view the claims utilization information to insure they continue to meet the 60% threshold.

Providers may choose to opt out of this program by sending a signed letter with their contact information and NPI to:

Beverly Hertweck  
DPHHS/HRD/HPSB  
P.O. Box 202951  
Helena, MT 59620-2951

Enrollment cutoff for CY 2013 is December 31, 2013. Enrollments received after that date will be for CY 2014 only. Providers must send their self-attestation forms to Xerox at:

Provider Relations Manager  
Xerox State Healthcare, LLC  
P.O. Box 4936  
Helena, MT 59604

## **Contact Information**

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Bob Wallace at 406.444.5778 or [bwallace@mt.gov](mailto:bwallace@mt.gov).

If you have questions regarding enrollment, re-enrollment, or opting out of this program, contact Beverly Hertweck at 406.444.9633 or [bhertweck@mt.gov](mailto:bhertweck@mt.gov).

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1.800.624.3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406.442.1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at [MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

Visit the Provider Information website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov>.